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To: All Administrators of Long-Term Care Facilities

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Subject: Alzheimer's Training Curriculum

The Department has produced an Alzheimer's Training Curriculum (Curriculum) that conforms to the adopted amendment under N.J.A.C. 8:39-13.4, which addresses mandatory staff education and training for communication. The Curriculum was developed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2M-7.2 (for certified nurse aides, licensed practical nurses, registered professional nurses and other health care professionals who provide direct care to residents within long term care facilities). Training is to begin as soon as possible and be completed by June 6, 2006. Training is to occur yearly thereafter and shall include all components under N.J.A.C. 8:39-13.4. Facilities may update the provided curriculum as necessary. The Division will not provide updates to the curriculum. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the Curriculum will be posted to the Division's Web site at www.state.nj.us/health/ltc/indusnews.shtml.

The Division of Long-Term Care Systems gratefully acknowledges The New Jersey Geriatric Education Center, and the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, for allowing the use and modification of their train-the-trainer manual, *Alzheimer's Caregiving, A Search for the Right Way*. Their project was supported by funds from the Division of State, Community, and Public Health, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources Services Administration, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funding was also provided in part by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Division of Aging and Community Services. We also acknowledge the support of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater N.J. Chapter. All three organizations are listed on the second page of this correspondence and should be contacted for additional training resources.

This Curriculum has been modified to allow for a 6-hour training course to be conducted by facility personnel. The agenda provided is a suggested one, and the times for each module may be modified according to your training needs. This is a basic program and does not include the slides, activities, games or tools that were incorporated into the original training manual prepared by the New Jersey Geriatric Education Center and Alzheimer's Association-Delaware Valley Chapter. Contact information is included and these organizations may be contacted if you desire a more in-depth or a train-the-trainer program.

You should have received one copy of the mandatory training program. Initially, the Curriculum will be available on the Division of Long Term Care's Industry News Web site at: www.state.nj.us/health/ltc/indusnews.shtml, and permanently on the Certification of Nurse Aides Web site at: www.state.nj.us/health/ltc/nacert.shtml.

Questions regarding the curriculum may be directed to (609) 633-9171 or lrc@doh.state.nj.us. Include the words "Alzheimer's Training Curriculum" in the subject line.

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